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Our Case No. 5658/729

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Daniel L. Poole, et al.)
Serial No. 09/451,580) Examiner: James G. Smith
Filing Date: November 30, 1999) Group Art Unit No. 3723
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 21, 2004,
Applicants submit the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.